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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to protest the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. This settlement proposal does not address the previous actions Microsoft has taken, but rather, tries to prevent them from committing these same illegal acts in the future. Microsoft has held little regard for the law in the past, and it is my belief that they will continue this attitude in the future.

The settlement needs to be harsher towards Microsoft and actually punish them for their actions. The settlement also needs to set forth strict guidelines on Microsoft's future business practices, to allow their competitors fair and legal opportunities to produce their own products without fear of repercussions from Microsoft.

I use several operating systems from Microsoft as well as Linux, and Solaris so I do not feel that Microsoft is an evil empire. I do believe, however, that their business practices are corrupt and that the Department of Justice (DOJ) needs to stand fast against the power of the almighty dollar and deal with Microsoft using a firm hand and the full force of the law. This settlement is an unacceptable breach of trust by the DOJ with the citizens of the United States and needs to be amended to hold more weight against Microsoft, else there will be more suits like this in the future. Law suits that will, in the long run, waste government time and tax-payer money.

I sincerely appreciate your time in reading this letter, and hope you take it as some confirmation that citizens of the United States do not believe that Microsoft should be spared harsh punishment for their breach of the law. Thank you.

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